

To-day's
Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON
FRIDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1900,
at 2 P.M.

at their Offices, 10 & 12, Lots,
The following
VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY, viz:—

Lot 1—No. 1, Wyndham Street. Area 2,684
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown Rent,
\$42.96.

Lot 2—No. 3, Wyndham Street. Area 4,120
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown Rent,
\$66.27. With and subject to a right of way.

Lot 3—No. 1, Wellington Street. Area 1,078
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$16.90. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 4—No. 3, Wellington Street. Area 793
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$12.28. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 5—No. 13, Wellington Street. Area 621
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$14.84.

Lot 6—No. 2, D'Aguiar Street. Area 754
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$8,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.64. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 7—House at Back of No. 2, D'Aguiar
Street. Area 466 square feet. Term 99
years. Crown Rent, \$6.97. With and
subject to a right of way.

Lot 8—No. 4, D'Aguiar Street. Area 716
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.03. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 9—House at back of No. 4, D'Aguiar
Street. Area 442 square feet. Term 99
years. Crown Rent, \$6.44. With and
subject to a right of way.

Lot 10—No. 6, D'Aguiar Street. Area 716
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.03. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 11—House at back of No. 6, D'Aguiar
Street. Area 512 square feet. Term 99
years. Crown Rent, \$7.71. With and
subject to a right of way.

Lot 12—No. 8, D'Aguiar Street. Area 751
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.59. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 13—No. 10, D'Aguiar Street. Area 752
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.62. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 14—No. 12, D'Aguiar Street. Area 753
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$11.64. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 15—No. 1, D'Aguiar Street. Subject to an
under lease. Area 691 square feet. Term
99 years. Crown Rent, \$11.33. With and
subject to a right of way.

Lot 16—No. 3, D'Aguiar Street. Subject to an
under lease. Area 836 square feet. Term
99 years. Crown Rent, \$10.63. With and
subject to a right of way.

Lot 17—No. 5, D'Aguiar Street. Area 843
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.75. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 18—No. 7, D'Aguiar Street. Area 843
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.55. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 19—No. 9, D'Aguiar Street. Area 823
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.47. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 20—No. 11, D'Aguiar Street. Area 814
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.35. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 21—No. 13, D'Aguiar Street. Area 811
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.31. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 22—No. 15, D'Aguiar Street. Area 852
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$7,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$10.34. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 23—No. 15B, Wellington Street. Area 1,358
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$6,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$17.50. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 24—No. 15C, Wellington Street. Area 1,059
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$5,500. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$13.57. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 25—No. 15D, Wellington Street. Area 1,358
square feet. Subject to Proportion of
Mortgage \$6,000. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$17.50. With and subject to a right
of way.

Lot 26—No. 14, Graham Street. Area 791
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.57.

Lot 27—No. 16, Graham Street. Area 737
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.19.

Lot 28—No. 18, Graham Street. Area 761
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.84.

Lot 29—No. 20, Graham Street. Area 733
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.15.

Lot 30—No. 22, Graham Street. Area 757
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.19.

Lot 31—No. 24, Graham Street. Area 752
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.14.

Lot 32—No. 26, Graham Street. Area 779
square feet. Term 99 years. Crown
Rent, \$8.43.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [321b]

BRITISH NATIONAL WAR LOAN
OF 1900.

REDEEMABLE 5th APRIL, 1910, AT PAR.
PRICE OF ISSUE FIXED BY
H.M. TREASURY, £98.10s.

£3 payable on Application.
10s. " 26th March.
15 " 9th April.
15 " 3rd May.
15 " 8th June.
15 " 10th July.
15 " 9th August.
15 " 7th September.
15 " 8th October.
15 " 8th November.

Further Particulars can be obtained from the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong,
where Applications for the Loan may be made.
Lists will CLOSE on or before the 15th
March, 1900.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [321b]

To-day's
Advertisements.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
WE have This Day REMOVED our Office
to PRINCESS BUILDING,
THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE
BANK, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [310b]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES"
Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [317b]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Port, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [320b]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN,"
Captain Frazier, will be despatched above
TO-MORROW, the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [278b]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"MENMUIR,"
Captain R. W. Almond, will be despatched for
the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th
instant, at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the excellent accommodation provided by this
steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric
Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating
Chamber.

A Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [298b]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship

"GLENARTNEY,"
will be despatched as above on THURSDAY,
the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [318b]

**THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU,"
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 18th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [45]

Intimation.



**A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.**

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, Per case
of 1 dozen, White
(capsule) \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY
MELLOW BLEND, Blue
Capsule, with Name
and Trade Mark 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABELOUR-
GLENLIVET, Red Cap-
sule, with Name and
Trade Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND
OF THE FINEST SCOTCH
MALT WHISKIES, Vio-
let Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-
QUOR SCOTCH WHISKY,
Gold Capsule 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S
GLENORCHY are high class Soda
Whiskies, of greater age than most
brands in the market.

ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old
Pot Still Whisky, (smoky) and could not
now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine
flavour.

E is of superb quality and pro-
nounced by leading local connois-
seurs to be the best brand in the
Hongkong market.

Small quantities are supplied at
proportionate wholesale rates.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.**

DEATHS.

At 1,368, Nakamura, on February 28th, JOHN
C. WERNER, aged 60 years.
At the Hongkew Coffee House, on the 7th of
March, MARY JANE ULBRICHT, aged 53 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

Cape Colony.

LONDON, March 9th.

Troops have been forwarded to the dis-
affected districts in the Northwest.

General Clements has moved his main
Camp six miles nearer the river. The Boers
have completely withdrawn to the Free State.

Natal.

The Naval Brigade from Ladysmith has
arrived at Durban en route to Simon's town
they were received with tremendous
enthusiasm.

General White has gone to Pieter Maritz-
burg.

Recent Victory.

LATER.

A telegram from Lord Roberts dated
Poplar Grove says that Presidents Kruger
and Steyn who were present at the fight on
the 7th instant, did their utmost to rally the
Boers but the rout was complete, the Boers
declaring that they were unable to withstand
the British Artillery and such at formidable
Cavalry force.

Re-inforcements.

LONDON, March 10th.

General Warren's division is going to re-
inforce Lord Roberts.

War Loan.

A war loan of £30,000,000 bearing in-
terest at 2½ per cent. has been issued at
£98.10. The loan is repayable on 5th April
1910.

Clear to Bloomfontein.

Reuter's correspondent at Poplar Grove,
9th instant, says that General French, ten
miles ahead, reports the country clear of the
enemy, that the Boers are disorganised and
the general impression is that our progress
to Bloomfontein will be unopposed.

Re-inforcements.

LONDON, March 10th.

The eighth division will begin to sail on
the 14th instant.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—
On the 11th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
risen rapidly on the E. coast of China, fallen in
Japan. A high pressure area covers China,
and the depression is moving Eastwards in the
Sea of Japan. Gradients slight to moderate
with fresh monsoon on the coast and in the
N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Mode-
rate N.E. winds; fine.

On the 12th at 11.55 a.m. barometric changes
are slight. The high pressure still covers
the China coast, and is probably extending over
Japan. Gradients moderate with strong mon-
soon in the Formosa Channel and N. part of
the China Sea. FORECAST:—Fresh N.E. winds;
dull, some rain.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manager of the Joint Telegraph Com-
panies courteously informs us that telegraphic
communication with Macao is restored.

The returns of the number of visitors to the
City Hall Museum for the week ended 11th
March, are:—Europeans 346, Chinese 2,728;
total 3,074.

The Governor has been pleased to appoint
Basil R. H. Taylor, to be Acting Harbour-
Master, during the absence on leave of the
Hon. Commander R. Murray Rumsey, R.N.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to appoint Edward Cornwell Lynch Lewis
to be Acting Postmaster General during the
absence on leave of Commander W. C. H.
Hastings, R.N.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to appoint Francis Henry May, C.M.G., pro-
visionally to be a member of the Executive
Council, during the absence of James Haldane
Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G.

A PROCLAMATION appears in the Government
Gazette prohibiting the Exportation of Military
Stores and other articles from Hongkong, to
be carried coastwise, for a further period of
four months, dating from the 28th March, 1900.

Mr. Kwong Chik has sent us a sample of
strawberries grown in his garden at Happy
Valley. They are of large size and excellent
in flavour and should come as a boon to Hong-
kong residents who have so long been sepa-
rated from the joys of strawberries and cream.

Mr. Kwong Chik announces that his straw-
berries may be obtained at No. 16, D'Aguiar
Street.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be
held on Thursday, 15th March, at 1 p.m.

BUSINESS.

ORDER OF THE DAY.
Committees on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance
to facilitate the hearing, determination, and
settlement of land claims in the New Territories,
to establish a Land Court, and for other purposes."

In the course of an interview at New York Mr.
Clarence Cary, who has just returned from
China after settling with the Imperial Govern-
ment the terms of the contract for the American
Yueh-Han line from Hankow to Canton, said:
"These matters are now in sufficiently satis-
factory shape after numerous delays, arising in
part from the inherent difficulty of Chinese
negotiations, and because of obstructions in-
terposed by various foreign rivals of nationalities
other than the British, the latter, of course,
having uniformly welcomed this as they would
any other important American enterprise in the
field here proposed to be occupied, namely the
Yangtze Valley." The construction of the line
is to begin soon and it will cover, with branches,
over 900 miles.

The will department at Somerset House is
popularly supposed to be the safest of all re-
positories, whether public or private, for testa-
mentary documents. It is reasonably assumed
that the State adopts every possible precaution
to insure the permanent safety of these invalu-
able deposits; their wholesale destruction
would, indeed, be nothing short of a national
calamity. That very process, nevertheless, has
been, and still is, in operation, if a correspondent
to the Times gives trustworthy evidence. Having
occasion to inspect the will of an ancestor filed
about 150 years ago, he paid a visit to Somerset
House. After waiting for a considerable time,
the required document was at last produced,
but in a sadly tattered condition. He was then
informed that the cause of delay in producing
the will was, that, owing to its being partly
rotted through damp, it had got torn when
being opened, and had to be dried before a fire
and mended with gummed paper before it
could be safely submitted to being handled for
inspection. As there is no reason to imagine
that this particular will was more negligently
dealt with than others of equal or greater age,
the inference is that a considerable number of
those at Somerset House must be in a more or
less advanced stage of decay.

**R. E. VARIETY CLUB ENTERTAIN-
MENT.**

Last Saturday night the members of the Royal
Engineers' Variety Club gave another very suc-
cessful Concert "standing room only" being
the order shortly after the advertised time for
the doors to open, and by the time the curtain
was raised, there was not even that accommo-
dation, many would-be occupants of front seats
having to be turned away. There was quite a large
gathering of the Corp's Junior officers. The
programme was arranged in the usual manner,
which has made these entertainments so popular
among the service men as well as with their
Civilian comrades. In the variety entertain-
ments Corpl. Simmers R.E. was decidedly
the star, his rendering of "No Surrender,"
"Soldiers of the Queen," "Sons of England,"
and "The Absent Minded Beggar" being re-
markably fine. Strange to relate the hat was not
sung round after the last named song. Sergt.
Viggers was also in very fine form, the audience
not allowing him to leave the stage until after
he had given three songs.

The Sketch entitled "To Paris and Back for
£5" with which the entertainment concluded
went with a good swing, although many new
artists took part and the useful services of
Sergt. Ward R.A.M.C. had to be dispensed
with. Sapr. Wilmsbury R.E. took the
leading part showing to great advantage
such a name as Mr. Samuel Snodder.

For the small part that Bug J. Nickless R.E. had
to perform he was in every way suited and
appeared quite at his ease while on the stage.
Pvt. Pitt R.A.M.C. made a capital young lady.
Sappers Housely and Booty both being allotted
male parts. The other performers were well
up to the average and greatly contributed to
the success with which the entertainment
was attended. The concert will be repeated
this evening.

THE NEW WAR LOAN.

Sir Thomas Jackson has courteously for-
warded to us the following telegram sent from
the London office of the Hongkong and Shang-
hai Bank at request of Her Majesty's Govern-
ment:—

BANK OF ENGLAND, March 9th.
National war loan issue of £30,000,000
bearing interest at 2½ p.a. to be redeemed at par
on the 5th April, 1910. Price of issue fixed by
H.M. Treasury of £98.10s. per cent. The
Governor and Company of the Bank of Eng-
land give notice that they are authorized to
receive applications for this loan which will
take the form either of inscribed stock or of
bonds to bearer at the option of the subscribers.
The interest at 2½ per cent. p.a. and the capital
will be a charge on the consolidated fund of
the United Kingdom. The books of the loan
will be kept at the Bank of England and at the
Bank of Ireland. Dividends, will be paid
quarterly in the same manner and on the same
dates as the dividend on Consols. The first
dividend (also a full 3 months' dividend) will
be paid on the 5th July and the second dividend
(also a full 3 months' dividend) on the 5th
October, 1900.

The loan will be repaid on 5th April, 1910.
Applications, which must be accompanied by
a deposit of £3 will be received at the
Chief Cashier's office, Bank of England, and
may be forwarded to the Bank either directly
or through the medium of any banker or stock-
broker in the United Kingdom. The list will
be closed on or before Thursday, the 15th March,
1900. In case of partial allotment the balance
of the amount paid as deposit will be applied
towards the payment of the first instalment.
Should there be a surplus after making the
payment, such surplus will be refunded by
cheque. The dates on which the further pay-
ments will be required are as follows:—

£ 5.10s. on Monday, 26th March, 1900.
15 " do " 6th April " "
10 " " Thursday, 3rd May " "
10 " " Friday, 8th June " "
15 " " Tuesday, 10th July " "
15 " " Thursday, 9th August " "
£ 10 " " Friday, 7th September " "
10 " " Monday, 8th October " "
10 " " Thursday, 8th November " "

The instalments may be paid in full on or
after the 9th April, 1900, under discount at the
rate of £2 ½ p.a.

In case of default in the payment of any
instalment at its proper date the deposit and
the instalments previously paid will be liable to
forfeiture.

Script certificates to bearer with coupons at-
tached for the dividend payable on the 5th July
and 5th October, 1900, will be issued in ex-
change for the provisional receipts.

These script certificates to bearer can be in-
scribed in other words, can be converted into
stock as soon as they have been paid in full, or
they may be exchanged for bonds to bearer
after the 5th October, 1900.

Bonds to bearer will have quarterly coupons
attached. The first coupon will be that for the
dividend payable on the 5th January, 1901.

Inscribed stock will be convertible into
bonds to bearer at any time after the 5th
October next without payment of any fee, and
bonds to bearer can be inscribed or in other
words converted into stock on payment of a
fee of one shilling per bond.

Applications must be for even hundreds of
stock, but the stock once inscribed will be
transferable in any sums which are multiples
of a penny, as in Consols.

The bonds to bearer will be of the same de-
nominations as in the case of Consols. Cer-
tificates to bearer, viz:—£100, £200, £300, and
£1,000.

The inscribed stock is an investment au-
thorized by the Trustee Act, 1893. Applications
must be on printed forms which may be ob-
tained at the Bank of England and the Bank
of Ireland or at any of their branches; at any
of the London Banks, of Messrs. Mollens,
Marshall & Co., 4, Lombard Street, London,
E.C., or of any of the principal stockbrokers.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the seventeenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, 24th March, at noon:

Annual we beg to submit to Shareholders the annual statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1899.

The net profit of the balance from last year, amounting to £10,000, is proposed to be divided as follows:

To place to Reserve Fund £35,000.00
To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. £6,000.00
To carry forward to next year's account £1,000.00

The new steamer, *Diamond*, arrived here on the 5th April 1899 and has since run regularly on the line proving herself well adapted in every way to our requirements.

The result of twelve months' working will doubtless be found very satisfactory by shareholders especially when it is considered how severely the export trade from the Philippines suffered during the year from the closing of the ports in consequence of the rebellion there.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Gillies, Siebs, Lewis and Sheehan all retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and Fullerton Henderson, who are eligible for re-election.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1900.

IMPERIAL DECREES.

(Specially translated for the "North-China Daily News.")

5th March.

Li Sheng-tu is hereby promoted to be a Reader of the Grand Secretariat.

Note—Li Sheng-tu is at present Chinese Minister to the Court of Tokyo, and this promotion makes him an official of the Provincial rank, equivalent to the rank of a Provincial Judge in standing.

Li Ching-yung, now Director-general of mines in Szechuan. Both father and son are broadviewed and liberal men in politics and friendly to Reform.

6th March.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN PRINCE.

We regret to hear of the death of Chih Ch'i, Prince of Kichin, and Order, which occurred yesterday.

The deceased inherited his title in the 1st Order. He held during three reigns in succession the posts of Grand Chamberlain, Inspector-General of Armies, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Guards, Captain-General of a Banner Corps, and Commander of the Rifle Brigade of the Peking Field Force, in the duties of all of which he always showed great diligence and efficiency.

Lately he was repeatedly granted leave, but we regret that he did not succeed in regaining his health, whereby we have lost a faithful and valuable member of our Court. We hereby command Prince Pu Lun, 4th Order, with an escort of ten Imperial Guardsmen to carry a *To-lo* prayer coverlet to be used as a shroud for deceased, and said Prince shall also pour libation to the dead on our behalf before the remains of the deceased Prince.

As a further mark of recognition of his services during three reigns (Hsien Feng, Tung Chih, and Kuang Hui) we hereby command that the 1000 be paid by the keeper of the Purple Treasury to the family of the deceased for funeral expenses, that all black marks against his name be erased from the official records and that his eldest son Sung Chieh succeed to his deceased parent's title and estates.

The second son of the deceased, Sung Hsi, and grandson, An Sen, are also hereby granted the brevet premier button, in order that all the nearest members of the deceased Prince's family may partake of the Imperial bounty.

Note—The holder of the title of Prince of Kichin stands tenth in precedence at Court amongst the chief princely houses now existing in Peking.

Princes of Cheng, Prince of Yu, Prince of Shih, Prince of Chuang, Prince Kung, Prince Chun, Prince of Yi, Prince of Kichin, Prince of Shun-ch'eng, Prince of Ting, Prince Ching, and Prince Tuan.—Translator.

THE UNFORTUNATE EMPEROR.

PEKING, March 2nd.

The following letter from a member of the Reform Party in Peking who got his information from one of the Empress Dowager's eunuchs, who was an eye-witness, has been courteously placed at our disposal and we translate it literally as follows, as what is stated is perfectly reliable:

"To begin at the beginning," previous to the 22nd of January, 1900, Peking was filled with disquieting rumors, which gradually filtered into the Palace. Some declared that the Emperor had already been secretly deposed; others again stated that the Emperor had been made away with by poison; but when the Empress Dowager heard of them she simply smiled in that grim way of hers, which to the terrified eyes of those around her, meant that she had decided on some course which even if it was paved with the blood of thousands would not deter her from her subsequent goal. It is also significant of the woman that not except perhaps her favorite eunuch, Li Lien-yi, and Prince Ching-wei, of those who daily attended upon her, knew exactly what the Empress Dowager actually intended to do, although it was quite clear that some sort of coup was on the tapis. But when the fatal 24th of January 1900 came, every one knew that, only a few hours before, the Emperor had been forced to sign his abdication and a gloom spread over the capital like a pall, accentuated as it was by chilly, lowering skies.

It was one of those who stood around with ink and pen for the Emperor to use, while the Empress Dowager herself held out the pen to him. Even then his Majesty hesitated to take it and sign the ready prepared 'Imperial' decree of abdication held out to him; but an imperious stamp of the right foot and those piercing, menacing eyes of the Empress Dowager frowning upon him seemed to enthrall and fascinate the Emperor, who immediately stretched forth a trembling hand and the next moment, with a groan and a gesture of despair, as it were, the fatal deed was done, and the Empress Dowager triumphantly snatched the 'decree' from her nephew's hand.

A sudden change occurred, which those who were present, too, were too stunned to see to be startled or astonished at. The Empress Dowager's face became instantly suffused with smiles, her eyes became soft and benevolent and she was all kindness and motherly solicitude for her Imperial nephew. He, poor fallen Majesty, had sunk down on his chair after signing the fatal paper, while a sudden deadly paleness manifested itself in this countenance and a moment after he had died.

his robe and the carpet beneath him with his life blood. His Majesty's excitement had been too much for his weak health and it seemed that he had burst one of his lesser blood vessels. Very kindly and gently the Empress Dowager herself attended to the Emperor and, when he seemed to have somewhat recovered, she herself supported him on one side, waving away the eunuch who had come forward to do so, and with a surprising solicitude for his health and comfort, arranged the pillows and cushions in his Majesty's sedan-chair, which was to carry him back to his usual prison—the water-surrounded kiosk at the Southern Lake Palace which is very near the Empress Dowager's own residence of Eho Park. She herself escorted the Emperor to his place of retreat called the *Ving-tai*, and having seen him securely confined within its high walls and the drawbridge once more brought over her face resumed that hard look usual to it as she and her numerous retinue returned to Peking. All the way from Peking to his prison, I heard the Emperor weeping at his hard fate. He was so utterly broken down and oppressed. Poor Majesty! his meanness subject amongst his 400 million people would have refused to exchange places with him on that day. Many of us who escorted his Majesty dropped tears of sympathy, and I peeped at the author of all his evils to see how she looked. Her heart seemed to be of stone. There was that set, stern look in her eyes but not the least sign of softening.

"I can assure you that the Empress Dowager had everything prepared for the crowning of the new Emperor on the 1st day of the New Year (31st January), but on the 27th of the month the Tsungli Yamen handed to her King Lien-shan's memorial, praying that the Emperor be allowed to resume the reins of Government, even in his illness, for that was the only way to satisfy his Majesty's millions of subjects throughout the Empire."

"Oh, the rage of the Empress Dowager when she read that obnoxious telegram! I have seen many of her displays of temper and anger but none like this one—it surpassed even her rage at Kang Yu-wei and his Reformers. We eunuchs and even the Prince of Li, who brought the telegram, were simply terrified and trembled lest her anger should fall on any one present! 'Who dare send such a telegram?' at last came her question—'Kin Yuen-shan (Kin's official name) of Shanghai, and over a thousand others' was the Prince of Li's reply. 'Very well. We'll show them how we deal with traitors who cross our path,' and the Prince of Li backed out of the presence with a sense of relief, really thinking if this had been the only protest sent, the Empress Dowager and her advisers would have tried to brzen it out and have ignored the telegram; but unfortunately for their schemes no less than forty-six protests of the same kind came to Peking, and after the other, some a dozen in a day, until the Empress Dowager believed that there was really something in it and decided to defer her coup."

Mark me not gape up her intentions but merely deferred them.

"As a consequence Kin Lien-shan is praised sky-high as a devoted patriot and supporter of the Emperor by almost every one in Peking, always excepting the Empress Dowager, her advisers and their partisans; but on the other hand, these denounce Kin as the ringleader of rebellion and I may give a warning that the Empress Dowager is determined to have his head even if it should cost her half the Empire. There will be nothing left undone in order to compass her end, and I heard the Empress Dowager say recently to Prince Ching, who as Grand Chamberlain can enter the Palace at all hours of the day and night, to see the Empress Dowager, that she would be put out of the way before either she or the new Emperor will be able to rule the empire quietly. Finally you may not know that, ever since the fateful, enforced abdication of the Emperor, his Majesty has four times attempted to commit suicide; his last attempt being the refusal of food and drink in order to starve himself to death."—N. C. D. News.

THE HERO OF GLENCOE.

Lady Symons, widow of the late Major-General Sir W. Penn Symons, has arranged for the publication of the portrait of the general, and that a royalty of threepence on each copy shall be paid to the Widows and Orphans Fund. General Symons's body is to be brought home to England for burial.

BY THE MAIL.

(From Our Exchanges.)

Volunteers Inspected.

Princess Beatrice's Volunteers, an Isle of Wight contingent of the regiment with which the late Prince Henry of Battenberg was associated, were on 1st ult., at Osborne, inspected by the Queen and Princess Beatrice on the eve of their departure for South Africa. Watches and briar pipes were presented to the men.

Walcheren Heroes.

The Bishop of Colchester dedicated the stained-glass window given by the German Emperor to Dovercourt Church in memory of the soldiers of the German Legion who died from disease contracted during the Walcheren Expedition of 1809, and 1810, and who were buried in Dovercourt churchyard side by side with British troops, in whose memory the Queen recently gave a beautiful lychnage to the church.

The Manchurian Railway.

A telegram from St. Petersburg, dated 30th January, states—The construction of the Russian railway through Manchuria is proceeding rapidly. Up to the present 80 kilometres of line out of the 2,500 kilometres required to connect the Transbaikalian with Dally and Port Arthur have been laid and traffic has been provisionally opened between Port Arthur and Mukden. The telegraph has been laid all along the line.

A Reviving Fashion.

Some years ago an ephemeral fashion arose among British officers of wearing bracelets, which were only half concealed beneath the shirt-cuff. The fashion is apparently being revived. For a large number of the Volunteers who have lately departed for the front have taken with them bracelets, in some cases welded upon the wrist. These adornments are, of course, the gifts of sweethearts; and the warriors who thus wear, so to speak, their hearts under their sleeves, are said to regard the bangles as amulets.

The Parr's Bank Robbery.

Parr's Bank (Limited) has received back practically all the balance remaining of the notes for about £50,000 stolen from them in January, 1899. The total abstracted was about £60,000, of which £40,000 was returned through the post in the course of a few days. On 8th ult. when the post-book box was cleared there was found a post-book with the leaves torn out, and in their places were inserted £100, £200, notes for an aggregate of about £1,000. A few of the remaining notes

have been passed, but there is still about £1,000 to be accounted for.

Defective Rifles.

A good deal of indignation has been caused over the news that the men composing the City of London Volunteer regiment have been sent out to South Africa with defective rifles. Interviewed on the subject on 8th ult., the Lord Mayor said: "It has been found that the rifles—particularly at certain ranges—are defective in the sighting." "Do I gather," said his questioner, "that new barrels will have to be sent out to the entire C.I.V. force before the Lee-Enfields can be carried into action?" "I understand," said the Lord Mayor, "that that is so."

Happily, in time, it has been discovered at Aldershot that many of the carbines served out to the Cavalry Brigade were undersighted, and in other respects defective. The weapons have been called in.

The French Army.

Some startling revelations as to the mismanagement prevailing in the Army Service Department are contained in M. Camille Pelletan's report on the War Estimates for 1900. M. Pelletan states that the War Ministry for many years past has gone on paying certain contractors an annual subsidy to keep a stock of provisions ready for immediate use in case of mobilisation. In this way the State has paid the value of the provisions several times over, yet would be obliged to buy them at the market price of the day in the event of mobilisation being ordered. The regulations of the Department, M. Pelletan also reports, are so complicated that no one can exactly say what they are on any given point. M. Pelletan declares that abuses are not only committed but connived at by officers of high rank, and he mentions the names of two officers who were obliged to leave the army because they refused to countenance irregularities, and other officers who were concerned in suspicious affairs and were allowed to go unpunished.

To Protest Against the War.

A stormy meeting to protest against the war was held in Northampton on the 7th inst. Mr. Labouchere and Mr. Lyndman being named as principal speakers.

The meeting was organised as an opposition, and long before the meeting commenced the platform was stormed and chairs thrown about the hall. When Mr. Labouchere arrived he and other speakers had a struggle to reach the platform. The party in possession of the meeting sang with overwhelming effect "God Save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia," and while the chairman was appealing for order a determined rush on the platform ended in the table and chairs being pitched into the body of the hall. Seeing the danger of their position and the utter impossibility of holding a meeting, Mr. Labouchere and his supporters sought refuge by way to an ante-room, where they waited until a force of police could conduct them from the place in safety. Several men in the audience were found to have had their heads cut open by tables and chairs that were scattered broadcast. Mr. Labouchere and the Chairman, Councillor Jackson, were hit on the head, but the blows were believed to be accidental.

The Chinese Minister's Tour.

At the annual meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Mr. Barclay, the President, said they had all been pleased with the visit of the Chinese Minister, and those who had come in contact with him could not but be struck with his sagacity, knowledge, and geniality. It was a great thing for China if he was a type of the men who were coming to the front in that country. As regarded the circumstances in which he came, they were all aware that he was invited by the Chamber and the Corporation, and the programme drawn up at the Town Hall was in the main adhered to. A certain club in London to which he had unfortunately allied himself in some way had been rather officious in trying to draw him into places which the Chamber had not selected, seeing that there were more important places to be seen. The efforts of the Chamber, along with those of the Corporation, had been successful in keeping the whole thing on right lines, and the Ambassador had gone away very much impressed with what he had seen in Manchester. They had taken the opportunity to rub well into his Excellency the policy of the open door.

The "Glory."

The *Glory* battleship, which is to replace the *Centurion* as flagship on this Station, arrived at Portsmouth on 8th ult. on the conclusion of her thirty hours' trial, at a nominal power of 19,250 h.p. It was originally intended for vessel to put in at Plymouth, but after the contractors decided to return to Portsmouth to make the necessary adjustment before the eight hours' full power run. The trial was satisfactory. The draught was 26 ft. fore and aft, and the trial was run with 240 h.p. of steam in boilers. The vacuum was 27.4 in. starboard and 26.4 in. port; the revolutions were 99.4 starboard and 99.2 port. The mean h.p. of the thirty hours was 10,387, with a vacuum in smoke boxes of .34 in. The ship made four runs over the deep sea course, and the recorded mean speed was 16.78 knots, which is less than the actual speed, as the ship on the third run over the measured distance had to go out of her course to avoid a sailing vessel. Some hours after the trial, and when the ship was off St. Catherine's Point, a slide rod in the starboard main engine broke, and though this did not prevent the ship from going ahead with both engines the starboard engine was disabled from going astern. Captain A. C. Carr, of the Portsmouth Dockyard Reserve, was in command.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Helms, of the steamship *Australian*, from Kobe, reports—Fine weather throughout.

Captain J. C. Gerard, of the steamship *Holhaa*, from Pakhoi and Hoihow, reports—Strong N.E. breeze, overcast and misty weather.

Captain R. W. Almond, of the steamship *Memuir*, from Manila, reports—The weather moderate, met northerly sea and moderate N.E. winds.

Captain A. Poydenot, of the steamship *Annam*, from Saigon, reports—Fine weather from Saigon to Cape Padaran, from there to Paracel rocks light N.E., from Paracel to Hongkong moderate N.E., and no sea.

Captain W. Passmore, of the steamship *Thais*, from Coast Ports, reports—Tainanfo to Amoy moderate breeze with considerable N.E. swell, clear and fine. Amoy to port moderate to light northerly breeze, overcast and dull with occasional rain. Vessels in Amoy—*Changchew*, *Tenkaik*, *Antagasan* Maru, and Austrian cruiser *Tenta*.

Captain H. Bathurst, of the steamship *Hailong*, from Swatow, reports—Tamsui to Amoy moderate N.E. wind and clear weather. Amoy to Swatow moderate N.W. wind and rainy weather. Swatow to Hongkong light variable wind and clear. Vessels in Amoy on the 9th inst.—*Changchew*. In Swatow on the 10th inst.—*Taila*.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.
Barometer.....30.141
Thermometer.....57.3
Humidity.....79.0
Rainfall.....1.76

TO-DAY.

On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer.....30.29 30.21
Temperature.....61 59
Humidity.....57 50
Rainfall.....0.09 —

TO-DAY.

Monday, 12th March, 1900.
Chinese—12th of 2nd moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 13min.
Sets.....6hr. 7min.
High water—Morning.....7hr. 27min.
Afternoon.....9hr. 5min.
Low water—Morning.....1hr. 57min.
Afternoon.....2hr. 30min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1608—Cesar Borgia killed.
1688—Attempted assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh at Sydney.
1879—Lutheran Church, Hongkong, opened.
1896—Santiago and Valparaiso damaged by earthquake.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1900.
Chinese—13th of 2nd moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 12min.
Sets.....6hr. 8min.
High water—Morning.....7hr. 29min.
Afternoon.....9hr. 25min.
Low water—Morning.....1hr. 54min.
Afternoon.....2hr. 35min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Renewal of hostilities and capture of forts in the Macao passage.
1874—Steamer *Sunfoo* lost.
1879—Marriage of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Louise of Prussia.
1881—Assassination of the Czar Alexander II.
1884—Siege of Khartoum commenced.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.
Cargo ex *Konic Albert*, subject to rent.
H.K.V.C. ORDERS.

5.7 p.m.—Field Battery, Examination of Corporals, Bombardiers and other members of Corps.
"D" Infantry Co., Squad Drill at Head-Quarters.

TO-MORROW.

Noon—Indo-China steamer *Suisang* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
Cargo ex *Kawachi Maru* subject to rent.
5 p.m.—Fourth Yearly General Meeting of the Hongkong Club, at Club House. At the conclusion of the above there will be an extraordinary General Meeting of the same Club.

H.K.V.C. ORDERS.

5.7 p.m.—"A" B" & "C" Co., Examination of Corporals, Bombardiers and other members of the Corps.
4.53 p.m.—Signalling at Head-Quarters.
4.53 p.m.—Annual Revolver Course for the Officers of Corps at the Revolver Range.

5.30 p.m.—F. B. Squad Drill at Head-Quarters.
5 p.m.—"A" B" & "C" Gun Drill at Head-Quarters.
5.30 p.m.—"E" Engineer Co., Squad Drill at Head-Quarters.

5.7 p.m.—"A" B" & "C" Co., Examination of Corporals Bombardiers and other members of the Corps.

WEDNESDAY, 14th.

C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* leaves for Victoria B.C. etc.
C. M. S. N. Co's steamer *Zeekal* leaves for London.
p.m.—A. L. S. N. Co's steamer *Fra. Ferdinand* leaves for Fiume and Trieste via the Straits.

Noon—First General Meeting of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., at the Office of the General Agents, 9 Praya Central.

H.K.V.C. ORDERS.

5.7 p.m.—"D" Infantry & "E" Engineer Cos., Examination of Corporals, Bombardiers and other members of Corps.
5.30 p.m.—F. B. Company Drill at Kowloon Dock.

5.30 p.m.—"A" B" & "C" Co., Squad Drill at Head-Quarters.

5 p.m.—"D" Infantry Co., Company Drill at Head-Quarters.

5 p.m.—"E" Engineer Co., Company Drill at Head-Quarters.

5.6 p.m.—Band Practice for unenrolled Drummers at Head-Quarters.

6.7 p.m.—Band Practice at Head-Quarter.

THURSDAY, 15th.

Noon—E. & A. S. Co's steamer *Australian* leaves for Australia.
(About) N. P. S. Co's steamer *Goodwin* leaves for Victoria B.C.

p.m.—A. L. S. N. Co's steamer *Melbourne* leaves for Fiume & Trieste via the Straits.

Noon—P. M. S. Co's steamer *Algon*, leaves for San Francisco &c.

C. N. steamer *Kwiyang* leaves for Manila, Iloilo and Cebu.

4 p.m.—Cargo ex *Shanghai* subject to rent.
5.15 p.m.—Lecture by Consul Volpicelli at St. Andrew's Hall.

Cargo ex *Memuir* subject to rent.

FRIDAY, 16th.

N. L. Co's steamer *Capella* leaves for Europe.
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge.

SATURDAY, 17th.

Noon—P. & O. steamer *Coromandel* leaves for London.

Noon—First Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Messrs. Watkins, Ltd. at the Company's Office.
Cargo ex *Glenarney* subject to rent.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
Indian (*Ararat* Apar) to-morrow.
English (*Massilia*) 16th inst.

American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 18th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 20th inst.
German (*Wilma*) 22nd inst.
American (*Copple*) 26th inst.
American (*America Maru*) 4th prox.

Tacoma (*Sikh*) 5th prox.

The N. P. S. Co's steamer *Sikh* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong, on the 9th inst.

The N. P. S. Co., steamer *City of Dublin* has arrived at Kobe and will sail for Hongkong, on the 13th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Tamba Maru*, European Line left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 16th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *America Maru*, with mails &c. left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 7th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Massilia* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst. at 1 p.m. with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on the 16th inst. at about 10 a.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *Doria*, to be despatched hence for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, on Wednesday May 23rd at noon.

The I. G. Mail steamer *Weimar*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 15th February has left Colombo on the 11th inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday the 22nd inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 17th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port this morning via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isa de Cuba.....at Kowloon Dock.
H.M.S. *Hermione*....." "
M.H.S. *Phoenix*....." "
Shantung....." "
Ariel....." "
Hanoi....." "
Kaifong....." "
U.S.S. *Albatross*....." "
Homon....." "
D. Juan d'Austria.....Cosmopolitum
Peiyang....." "

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—Mar. *Gisela*, *Matheson*, 6th March—*Wittenburg*, *Conch*, *Saratov*, *Samit*, 9th March—*Benlomond*, *Melville*.

Homeward—23rd Feb.—*Kamakura Maru*, *Honkai*, and Mar. *Weimar*, *Hulton*, *Sidra*, 5th Mar.—*Sachsen*, *Silesia*, *Salazir*, 9th Mar. *Glenloch*, *Anna*.

Arrivals at Home—9th March—*Kamakura Maru*, *Asama*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

LAOS, French steamer, 2,331, Flandin, 10th Mar.—Shanghai 8th Mar. Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

YEDO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,095, S. Saito, 10th Mar.—Cheloo 5th Mar. General—Wing Tai Loong.

HOHAI, French steamer, 500, J. C. Gerard, 10th Mar.—Pakhoi and Hoihow 9th Mar. General—A. R. Marty.

SAVANAMI, Japanese torpedo-boat, 305, J. Takenouchi, 10th Mar.—Singapore 5th Mar.

THALES, British steamer, 879, W. Passmore, 10th Mar.—Tainanfo 8th Mar., and Amoy 9th, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

EVIE J. RAY, American bark, 919, Kaslen, 11th Mar.—Singapore 2nd Dec, Timber—Sander, Weller & Co.

MELMONE, Austrian steamer, 1,857, Sabadini, 11th Mar.—Trieste via Suez 12th Jan., and Singapore 4th Mar. General—Sander, Weller & Co.</

Intimations.

LECTURE.

CONSUL VOLPICELLI has kindly consented to deliver a Lecture on "THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY: ITS COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE," at the St. Andrew's Hall, CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 5.15 P.M.

The Hon. R. D. OUSLEY will take the Chair.
HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [312b]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1899, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1900. [270b]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1900, at 12.15 P.M.

1.—To consider and if thought fit approve the draft New Regulations which will be submitted to the Meeting and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modifications or alterations.

2.—To consider and if thought fit to pass a Resolution to the effect "that the New Regulations already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such Regulations be and the same are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations thereof."

A copy of the proposed New Regulations may be seen at the Company's Office.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for conformation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 1st day of March, 1900.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 29th March, at 3 P.M. for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts, ending to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 29th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [311b]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1899, on or before the 21st March on which date the Account will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1900. [269b]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [33]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1900. [301b]

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1900. [302b]

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1900. [290b]

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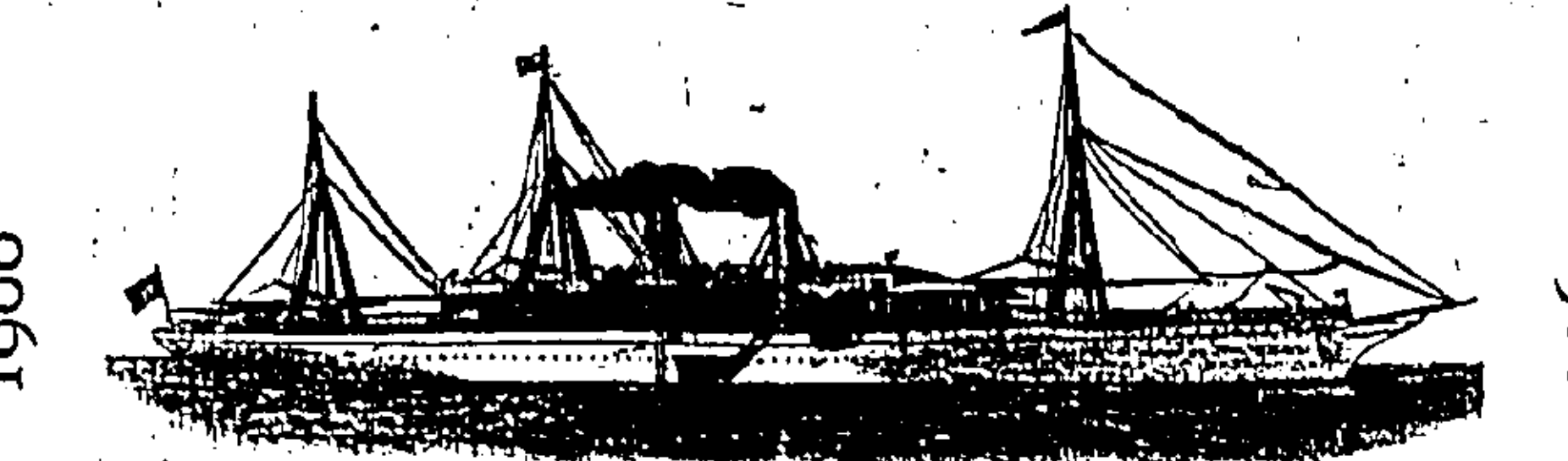
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1900. [128]

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1900. [4]

Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

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STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

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TAMBA MARU..... KOBE and YOKOHAMA..... SATURDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.

YAWATA MARU..... NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA..... SATURDAY, 24th March, at Noon.

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KAGOSHIMA MARU..... MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA..... TUESDAY, 27th March, at Noon.

HIROSHIMA MARU..... BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO..... FRIDAY, 30th March, at Noon.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1900. [6]

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Consignees.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA
NOTICE.

AGENTS of CARGO per S
"NIPPON MARU."
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J. S. VAN BUREN
Agent.
Long, 9th March, 1900.
NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
TEAMSHIP "GOODWIN"
TACOMA, VICTORIA,
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Long, 9th March, 1900.
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NEW YORK, STRAITS

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whence and/or from the
may be obtained.
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delivered after the 15th instan
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the Undersigned on or before
or they will not be recognized
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in the Godowns, where the
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Lading will be countersign
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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

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is above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to receive immediate delivery of their Goods from on alongside.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [7]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "GOODWIN,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND
SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods on alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co, LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [4]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "KENMORE,"
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed,— that all Goods are being landed at their wharves into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Wharves Company at Godown Wharf and Godown Company at Godown, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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sented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd
instant, or they will not be recognized.
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to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 15th instant, at 2 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [313b]

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